

WJZ-TV
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QUARTERLY SIGNIFICANT PROGRAMS REPORT
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Station WJZ-TV, licensed to CBS Television Licenses LLC, is responsive to the principal issues in its community of license, Baltimore, Maryland on a continuing basis. A variety of program elements, including regularly scheduled news and public affairs programming, reports on breaking news events, documentaries, specials, and public service announcements of concern to the community are included within our regular programming service. WJZ-TV's coverage of news stories, our employees' participation in community affairs, and regular interviews with community leaders have led to the determination that the issues listed are ones of importance to the Baltimore community. Our most significant programming, which dealt with current community issues during the preceding three-month period, are set forth in this report. WJZ-TV broadcasts both locally-produced and network programming. Although we include only local programs herein, WJZ-TV also broadcasts several network broadcasts including FACE THE NATION, 60 MINUTES, CBS REPORTS and 48 HOURS.

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CONSUMER WATCH

WJZ reporters cover consumer interest topics. These reports air in the 4pm, 5pm and 6pm newscasts.

HEALTHWATCH

WJZ's reporters discuss health issues and interview experts and patients to deliver information on the latest advances in health for our 4pm, 5pm and 6pm newscasts.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Locally produced special reports, focusing on community issues, local lifestyle trends and local personality profiles. These air in the 4pm, 5pm, 6pm and 11pm newscasts.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OUTREACH

Relevant projects launched by community organizations to benefit area residents.

ON TIME

A half-hour, Sunday morning public affairs program that airs at 6:30AM, focusing on leaders, issues and events, affecting the Baltimore community.

HEALTH

Eyewitness News

January 2: During the cold weather months, people generally spend more time indoors in closer proximity to friends, family and co-workers...perfect conditions to spread the flu... and now the number of cases is building.

January 3: A tough day for a Baltimore County community that came together to say goodbye to a beloved 13 year old boy who died of cancer. But what everyone will tell you about Riley Davis is that he smiled until the very end.

January 4: In Healthwatch, the American Cancer Society says cancer rates and deaths are down again this year. Better treatment and screening are saving more than a million lives over 20 years... but some cancers are still on the rise.

January 10: The local American Red Cross makes an emergency plea for blood donations after what it calls a significant decline in turnout at recent blood drives.

January 12: Health concerns for a Baltimore city elementary school. The city school system confirms three students in the same class at George Washington Elementary have Scarlet Fever.

January 16: A Maryland man is the second person ever to receive a revolutionary transplant. Christopher Lyles had a cancerous tumor on his windpipe so he traveled halfway across the world for another chance at life.

January 19: Using state of the art technology to save lives. The Baltimore County Fire Department is receiving nearly two million dollars in new cardiac arrest equipment.

January 22: A new study released this week reveals the hidden dangers of women who drink alcohol while pregnant. In Healthwatch, why staying away from alcohol in the early stages is critical.

January 24: Baltimore is the best city for hospital care according to a new national survey.

January 26: Johns Hopkins Hospital is taking on a brand new look. It's not just a remodeling, it's a modern hospital built from the ground up, designed with a new approach to medicine.

January 30: WJZ and the Red Cross team up to save lives with a blood drive, collecting 179 units of blood this weekend.

February 2: More people from Maryland and Pennsylvania are sickened after consuming raw milk from a farm in Pennsylvania.

February 3: The Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation makes an about face... deciding not to cut grants to Planned Parenthood for breast cancer prevention. Tonight, the fallout in Maryland.

February 6: Healthy smiles... healthy kids. Maryland lawmakers are on Capitol Hill working to improve dental care for children, years after a Maryland child dies from a tooth infection.

February 7: When former Ravens star tackle Orlando Brown died suddenly of diabetes, everyone was stunned. His best friend Wally Williams says Orlando never knew he had the disease... and he's convinced the giant of a man known as Zeus would be alive today, if only he knew.

February 8: After an 11 day shutdown, a Pennsylvania dairy is allowed to re-open after raw milk it sold sickened 43 people, four of them here in Maryland. The risk of becoming sick is why Maryland bans the sale of raw milk.

February 9: Parents who allow their teenagers to use tanning beds could see that option taken away. Some lawmakers want to replace the law that requires parental consent with an outright ban.

February 10: Birth control through a vending machine. That's what one local university is looking to do after seeing it on another college campus.

February 13: The prescription drug shortage crisis hits close to home for a prominent Marylander. University of Maryland Women's Basketball Coach Brenda Frese shares her very personal fight to find a solution to the lack of leukemia chemotherapy medicine needed for one of her young twin boys.

February 16: A suspected case of tuberculosis is discovered on the UMBC campus.

February 21: A preliminary test reveals a member of the UMBC community is possibly infected with tuberculosis.

February 22: After making a public plea to save the life of a dear friend, the mentor of Patriot's Quarterback Tom Brady died yesterday awaiting a kidney transplant at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Their story is still saving lives.

February 28: Northwest Baltimore has a spectacular new building that is family friendly, high tech and designed to help kids. It's the new Children's Hospital at Sinai.

March 1: A brand new Children's Hospital comes to Sinai in Northwest Baltimore. The 29 million dollar center will allow families to stay together through a sick child's treatment and tonight we get an inside look at the cutting edge new hospital.

March 5: A sad update on a story WJZ first brought you about a revolutionary procedure to save a Baltimore man's life. Christopher Lyles was only the second person in the world to have a transplant using his own stem cells... but today he passed away.

March 7: A small community in Calvert County is on edge after a mysterious illness claims the lives of three people. Tonight, the latest on the frightening situation in southern Maryland.

March 10: A sky high HIV Rate. Alarming new numbers from a Johns Hopkins study show Baltimore is a hot spot for the virus that causes Aids.

March 13: As beautiful as this weather is, it's bringing with it those runny noses, scratchy throats and watery eyes... allergies are now in full bloom.

March 15: It's a disturbing internet sensation. People, mostly teens, trying to swallow a teaspoon of cinnamon quickly... but it's very dangerous and puts people in the hospital.

March 16: A sad farewell today for a Maryland man who helped change cancer treatment worldwide. Funeral services are held for Christopher Lyles, who received a revolutionary transplant in his fight against a rare cancer .

March 21: If you spend at least a few hours a day in front of the computer, listen up. Your eyes are probably paying the price. In Healthwatch, we explain Computer Vision Syndrome.

March 23: Maryland gets top marks when it comes to dental health for children... but many small children still aren't getting the care they need from dentists. Now dentists are launching a new statewide campaign targeting toddlers.

March 27: Doctors make medical history here in Baltimore. For the first time, Maryland surgeons transplant an entire human face in what's being called the most remarkable procedure they have ever seen.

March 29: Experts on eating disorders are watching a new phenomenon...Facebook may be fueling bad body image. Baltimore's Sheppard Pratt commissioned the eye opening survey.

March 30: People around the country including those in Maryland are waiting for transplants. A local group is rallying to help those in need by getting them the gift of life.

ON TIME

January 1: Kai Jackson talks with representatives from Health Care for the Homeless about the "new" group of homeless – former middle class families who because of the economy have lost jobs and homes and now live out of their cars or shelters. They discuss how Health Care for the Homeless provides medical services – from pediatric care to addiction counseling to the homeless.

January 15: Kai Jackson talks with Judge Claudia Barber, Judge Marcella Holland and Attorney Marisa Trasatti about their upcoming forum to education female attorneys about the judicial selection process.

They discuss judicial attitudes about women and one specific domestic violence case in which the judge made disparaging remarks about a female who requested an extension on her protective order restraint and was later set on fire by her boyfriend.

January 22: The American Red Cross is appealing to the public to donate blood during January when the blood supply has reached a critical low point. Katie Turner tells Kai Jackson how one pint of blood is split into 3 component parts that can help up to 3 individuals. She explains the different types of blood and the eligibility requirements for blood donation.

February 12: The Red Devils are celebrating their 10th year of service to women with breast cancer and their families. Director Jan Wilson tells Kai Jackson about the role her organization plays – from providing transportation to and from medical appointments to delivering food to families fighting this disease.

February 19: Deborah Flateman tells Kai Jackson about a new Feeding America study that found one in three Americans are poor with 100 million people struggling with basic living essentials like food, shelter and medical care. She tells Kai Jackson that just under a half million Marylanders are food insecure meaning that they do not know where their next meal is coming from. To address this issue the Maryland Food Bank would have to significantly increase the number of meals – the amount of food it provides to those in need.

February 26: Kai Jackson talks with Dr. Kevin Cullen, director of the University of Maryland Greenebaum Cancer Center and Jon Sevel, co-founder of the Maryland Half Marathon about raising money for cancer research. Dr. Cullen explains how UMGCC continues to produce research that leads to breakthroughs in the treatment of cancer, from the creation of the aromatase inhibitor drugs to new ways to treat women with triple negative breast cancer.

March 4: Kai Jackson talks with Dr. Tessie Behrens, James Butler and Janet Hartman about kidney disease. Dr. Behrens describes what the kidneys do and how they are affected by hypertension and diabetes. James Butler explains how he was on dialysis prior to getting a kidney transplant and how his body rejected the new kidney. Janet Hartman received her kidney from her husband and now is on steroids to keep her body from rejected the transplanted organ. Dr. Behrens explains how many people are unaware that they have kidney disease and how the National Kidney Foundation of Maryland routinely screens for kidney and diabetes.

March 11: Death from Alzheimer's disease is on the rise unlike other major illnesses including heart disease, cancer and stroke. Diane Wit, Sylvia Mackey and Ellen Yankellow tell Kai Jackson how Alzheimer's is being diagnosed in people under the age of 65. Sylvia Mackey discusses how her late husband, Baltimore Colt legend John Mackey, died from dementia and the subtle changes she saw in him prior to his diagnosis.

March 25: Kai Jackson talks with representatives from the Women's Law Center of Maryland and the House of Ruth about domestic violence issues. They define domestic violence and say that while its victims are predominately women, men and children are also affected. They discuss warning signs that flag unhealthy relationships and discuss the protections that protective orders offer the victim. The House of Ruth offers a Teen Dating program where their counselors work with young people to establish health relationship goals. As many as 1 in 3 teens have been a victim of domestic violence. They discuss the role of the federal Violence Against Women Act plays in protecting victims of domestic violence and offer opinions as to why it should be renewed by Congress.

CONSUMER/ECONOMY/JOBS/LOCAL POLITICAL ISSUES

Eyewitness News

January 1: The new year marks the first day of a new bag tax for Montgomery County residents. Shoppers will now be charged a 5-cent fee for paper and plastic bags at any cashier.

January 2: Five dollars a gallon for gas? Analysts say it could happen this year and tonight an explanation of why.

January 3: Fighting off claims that environmental regulations are job killers, the Chesapeake Bay Foundations says it has the facts that prove just the opposite. The group claims saving the bay will put hundreds of thousands to work.

January 3: The trash is piling up in Baltimore County as some residents won't have their recycling picked up for three weeks. With the holidays falling on Monday, thousands are left with a smelly mess.

January 4: They've occupied Wall Street and parks across the US... and this weekend, a local group plans to occupy some local gas stations protesting Governor O'Malley's plan for a 15 cent tax increase over the next three years.

January 4: Getting out the vote is the goal of a new nationwide and local push by the Baltimore NAACP. Tonight how the group plans to register new voters.

January 5: Ravens fever means big business for Baltimore... boosting local bottom lines.

January 5: Republican State Senator Nancy Jacobs hopes to challenge long time Representative Dutch Ruppersberger in the 2012 elections.

January 6: The re-election campaign for US Senator Ben Cardin gets a big boost from a former rival.

January 7: There could be even more pain at the pump. Protesters want to put the brakes on a proposed increase in the gas tax.

January 8: US gasoline prices kick off 2012 with the highest number ever to start a new year. Now, the climb may continue through the end of the summer.

January 10: The end of the death penalty in Maryland... that's what some of your leaders are hoping to accomplish as the General Assembly prepares to return to work in Annapolis.

January 11: He'd rather raise the sales tax again. That's what Governor Martin O'Malley said today just before the start of the 2012 General Assembly session.

January 11: Maryland's newest casino is encouraging people to apply for jobs. The Casino in Arundel Mills will hire 15-hundred new employees.

January 12: Hundreds of Sparrows Point steel workers remain out of work as RG Steel has temporarily idled most of their operations. Tonight for the first time we're hearing from those laid off who now have some help moving forward.

January 12: Maryland is getting millions of dollars in federal money to repair damage left by Tropical Storm Lee last summer.

January 12: A powerful state senator stripped of his chairmanship... now a legislative committee will decide if Ulysses Currie violated state ethics.

January 13: Maryland state parks could get nearly 23 million dollars in a proposal by Governor O'Malley.

January 14: The plea for more jobs is at the center of a march from Maryland to the nation's capital this holiday weekend. Demonstrators say their message is aimed at Capitol Hill.

January 15: Hundreds of workers at the Sparrows Point Steel Mill are back on the job.

January 16: Months before the opening of Maryland's newest casino and the search for workers has begun. Thousands of positions are up for grabs starting today.

January 17: As the Ravens head to New England for the playoffs their winning ways have been good for business. Tonight... the economic impact of the Ravens playoff run.

January 18: Governor O'Malley's budget hits home for thousands of Maryland families he considers to be high earners. Capping their tax exemptions is just one of the items in the new spending plan.

January 18: While the national unemployment rate remains around 10 percent, it's significantly higher for veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Veterans Administration hopes to change that with a series of job fairs like the one in Washington today.

January 19: One thing has been missing so far this winter... snow. The lack of winter weather is good news for the state's wallet.

January 20: After some anxious weeks, local steel workers received some good news today. Following layoffs and going cold, Sparrows Point is about to heat up.

January 23: The Occupy Movement is now focused on the foreclosure crisis. The Frederick News-Post reports that about 15 to 20 people braved below freezing temperatures this weekend for "Occupy Our Homes."

January 23: Governor O'Malley presents his legislative agenda to the General Assembly... and as expected... it includes a bill to legalize same sex marriage in Maryland.

January 24: Former Governor Bob Ehrlich shells out 168-thousand dollars in an election fraud trial. The money helped pay defense attorneys representing his aide Paul Schurick.

January 24: Major layoffs at a Baltimore County based company. AAI is laying off 184 employees at its Hunt Valley headquarters.

January 24: It's fresher, tastes better and sometimes even costs less. But getting locally grown food to your table doesn't always come through a farmer's market or produce stand. There's another route most of us never see or taste.

January 25: For several decades a pre-paid decal was enough to cross the Hatem Bridge. But in just a few months, those stickers will be history.

January 25: NASA and Morgan State University are teaming up to produce some of the best engineers and scientists. One of NASA's top leaders visited with students today.

January 26: The Governor's 2012 budget proposal includes a sales tax on tobacco products other than cigarettes.

January 27: Locally grown most often means farm raised food. One local grower wants to expand that to farmhouse beer.

January 27: Top honors today for one Baltimore hospital. Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital is voted as one of the top 25 best places to work in Baltimore Magazine.

January 30: It could soon cost more to fill up. Governor Martin O'Malley plans to introduce legislation calling for a sales tax on gasoline.

January 31: State regulators make a change that could affect your utility bill during a major power outage... and could also speed up restoration efforts.

February 1: Tax increases and same sex marriage are the focus of Governor O'Malley's state of the state address.

February 2: Maryland gets the environmental all clear to pursue wind farm development off the coast of Ocean City. Governor O'Malley is making wind power his energy priority this session.

February 2: A large protest over the high rate of foreclosures in Maryland wrapped up a short time ago in West Baltimore with demonstrators upset over the role of big banks in the foreclosure crisis.

February 3: They've been off limits to fishing for more than a decade but it hasn't stopped their decline. Now Atlantic Sturgeon have been officially declared endangered meaning a fish that has survived mass extinctions may not survive man.

February 4: The economy may be showing signs it's strengthening, but the Ravens still aren't going to make you pay more to see them play next season.

February 5: More pain at the pump... gas prices in Maryland jump 10 cents.

February 6: Prices at the pump continue to climb just as lawmakers consider adding the state sales tax to a gallon of gas.

February 7: Opposition is growing to Governor Martin O'Malley's plan for a gas tax increase. Tonight, Maryland's chief tax collector is speaking out against the proposal.

February 9: Maryland's governor toasts Baltimore's public marine terminals. In 2011 they handled more containers and autos than ever before.

February 9: Making cancer medications accessible. Maryland lawmakers are outlining legislation to make IV chemotherapy co-pays the same as a regular prescription co-pay.

February 9: Federal and state officials announce a 25 billion dollar settlement between 49 states, including Maryland and five major banks. The signing means that some homeowners will get some much needed relief.

February 10: It's a numbers game that effect livelihoods to dinner tables in Maryland and right now the count is on out on the bay where scientists are counting crabs.

February 11: Overextended Maryland homeowners in desperate need of a break are getting just that. Phone lines have been swamped since news broke that the state is part of a multi-billion dollar foreclosure settlement.

February 11: The debate over driving and using a handheld phone is alive again after some state politicians say the current law is too weak. They're taking action to toughen it up.

February 13: The last minute rush is on to find the right gift for your loved one. You can't go wrong with flowers for Valentine's Day and that means business is booming at florists around town.

February 13: Today Mayor Stephanie Rawlings Black gives her annual address on the state of the city of Baltimore.

February 14: New information on Governor Martin O'Malley's gas tax plan. The governor is offering local governments more money for local road projects if they support his gas tax proposal.

February 14: Oysters have been struggling to hang on in the bay, but now there's a glimmer of hope on the half shell. The oyster's survival rate is the highest it's been in 15 years.

February 15: It may be a sign that the sluggish economy is picking up speed. One of the state's manufacturing plants is adding jobs.

February 15: All time record... More people traveled through BWI Thurgood Marshall in 2011 than ever before.

February 16: State Senator Ulysses Currie learns his possible punishment from an ethics committee for failing to disclose work he did for a grocery store chain.

February 17: In a rare move, the Maryland Senate votes to punish one of its own lawmakers. Today State Senator Ulysses Currie is disciplined by his colleagues for failing to disclose payments from a grocery store chain.

February 17: If you're in the market for a new household appliance, this weekend is the time to go out and buy it because it's a tax free weekend certain energy star appliances.

February 18: Finally, a good excuse to shop. It's a tax free weekend for thousands of shoppers looking to save big on appliances and it only rolls around once a year.

February 19: BWI Marshall Airport sets a new record for passengers.

February 20: Oil prices jump to a 9-month high after Iran cuts supplies. That's just one reason Maryland drivers are paying 50 cents more a gallon today than one year ago.

February 20: The state says they're needed for safety. Turns out those work zone cameras along the highway are also good at making money and a lot of it.

February 21: Hundreds gather to show support for disability funding in downtown Annapolis. On Developmental Disabilities Day advocates talked about the need for services.

February 21: With the budget ax starting to swing at the Pentagon, Maryland's Air National Guard is taking a big hit. The Air Force is eliminating the local guard's cargo planes and possibly jobs as well.

February 22: A wind energy bill gets support from a coalition of Maryland college students... but the proposal still has hurdles to clear.

February 22: A new law is on the books, declaring English the official language of Frederick County. Although it doesn't really change anything, it's what the law symbolizes that has people talking.

February 23: Maryland's Attorney General takes on Google. It's a major challenge against the internet giant's new privacy policy.

February 24: Maryland will soon welcome one of the world's largest container shipping companies to the Port of Baltimore... and that's paying off in the form of jobs and a lot of them.

February 25: The MTA's 60 million dollar program to give rides to people with disabilities is coming under fire for giving rides to people who don't need them.

February 26: Gas prices are surging and quickly inching toward 4 dollars per gallon and in Maryland the end may not be in sight just yet.

February 27: The battle over a bottle tax increase has been raging for months in Baltimore City and right now the mayor is introducing the proposal at City Hall... but the opposition is banding together.

February 28: One of the Chesapeake's most prized catches is pitting watermen against sport fishermen. It all centers on striped bass and the net used to catch them.

February 28: The city's chief information technology official could be in some hot water after being implicated for ethical violations while he worked for the state of New York.

February 29: For 30 years one local company has made it their mission to offer affordable housing to the community. Tonight, how Harper House in Columbia is doing just that.

February 29: Hang on to your wallets... the Maryland General Assembly is about to take action that's bound to cost you. Some taxpayers are already up in arms.

March 1: With the stroke of the Governor's pen, Maryland becomes the 8th state in the union to allow same sex marriage.

March 2: The Maryland Senate tackles ethics questions with a proposal for more transparency. A bill would make financial and conflict of interest disclosures open to all on the internet.

March 2: The cash strapped Baltimore school system is paying out millions of dollars in overtime each year and there's anger about some of the people making the money.

March 3: Dozens of protestors hit the streets to rally against the Governor's gas tax proposal.

March 5: The national average for a gallon of gas continues to climb to the four dollar mark. This comes as state lawmakers are considering a boost to Maryland's gas tax and the combination has some drivers seeing red.

March 5: Respect, rights, revenue is the theme of a large rally by public employees at the State House in Annapolis. They're sending a tough message to lawmakers.

March 6: He fought off a home invader, now a Maryland man has fought off a state gun control law. It's a legal victory for carrying a concealed weapon for self protection.

March 6: Some eye opening news out of Annapolis today as lawmakers look for ways to balance the budget. It's being called a doomsday proposal that could change the way the state does business.

March 8: Get ready for some new taxes. The budget work is underway today in Annapolis and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee is moving down the list... next up a tobacco tax.

March 9: Good news on the employment picture. In February, more employers threw open their doors adding more strength to the economic recovery which could bring new hope to the unemployed.

March 9: Making medical marijuana legal in Maryland... big names are pushing for a bill in the House today.

March 10: If you can't find the house of your dreams in the perfect location, just move an existing one. That's what two Anne Arundel County homeowners did this weekend.

March 12: It's a new concept in charitable giving called "Give Corps." It started here in Baltimore last year by two entrepreneurs who are taking the Groupon concept to a whole new level.

March 12: If you smoke while you're driving and have young children in the car, you soon could be forced to put out that cigarette.

March 13: Finding money to clean the bay continues to be an up hill struggle. The federal government is shaking some cash loose which is setting off a scramble by local governments.

March 13: With time running out in the General Assembly session, Governor Martin O'Malley is making a major last minute push to get support for his gas tax plan.

March 13: Some good news on the jobs front in Maryland. In January, the state lowered the unemployment rate to its lowest level since January 2009.

March 14: The Governor goes to the mat for a hike in the state's gas tax. Today he took his plea to lawmakers but outside the Capitol, protesters made their voices heard.

March 15: As gas prices continue to soar, President Obama comes to Maryland to try to cap the political fallout. The president spoke out about his energy policies in Prince George's County.

March 15: More taxes... If the Senate gets its way you'll be paying more income tax and sales tax when you shop online.

March 16: Thousands of people wait in line for hours just to get their hands on Apple's latest version of the iPad. Tonight, more on what all the hype is about.

March 17: On this St. Patrick's Day some people who are feeling lucky head to the casino. But instead of playing slots at the state's newest casino, today thousands were applying for jobs.

March 18: BGE is going green with smart meters. Starting in May, the gas and electric company will begin installing new digital meters to upgrade the state's electricity grid.

March 19: BGE is getting ready to put its Smart Grid Program into action. The utility hopes modernizing its meters will save you money.

March 19: Even as the unemployment rate continues to drop, thousands of Marylanders are still struggling to find jobs.

March 19: Lowering property taxes in the city. Last year Mayor Stephanie Rawlings Blake proposed the idea... today she's acting on it.

March 20: The parents of a girl electrocuted in a city park are asking lawmakers to make sure it never happens again.

March 20: Thirty Baltimore families will soon be new homeowners. Habitat for Humanity and the Housing Authority are making it happen.

March 21: Putting Baltimore on a budget. Mayor Rawlings Blake reveals a spending plan for the city that is already causing controversy.

March 22: A tax hike is coming to Maryland... but the House and Senate are split on the size of that hike.

March 23: Maryland lawmakers take a giant leap toward cutting a billion dollar deficit in half... but it's going to cost you.

March 24: Maryland's primary is two weeks away, but early voters are already hitting the polls.

March 25: More than a dozen historic landmarks in Baltimore may soon be up for sale... but first the city wants to know how much money they'll bring in.

March 25: Maryland's presidential primary is nine days away but hundreds of people have already cast their ballot thanks to early voting.

March 26: Just when you thought it couldn't get any worse, gas prices are up again this week. Tonight will the prices in Maryland come down anytime soon?

March 26: Maryland takes the political spotlight as early voting begins. The Republican presidential candidates are now stopping here ahead of next Tuesday's primary election.

March 27: A valuable resource deep under Maryland has surfaced on the public's radar. Hydraulic fracturing or fracking is the subject of a first ever poll.

March 27: Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich arrived in Annapolis for some campaigning this morning visiting local businesses.

March 28: To save the bay, pay a fee. Maryland lawmakers are considering a bill that requires local governments to collect a fee to improve storm water drainage systems.

March 28: Ron Paul becomes the first GOP candidate to appear on ballots in all 50 states and tonight he's stumping in Maryland.

March 29: 9 City residents can look forward to a break in their property taxes. Last night the city council approved Mayor Stephanie Rawlings Blake's property tax reduction plan.

March 29: Today Governor Martin O'Malley takes advantage of the convenience of early voting.

ON TIME

January 8: The Maryland CASH Academy features a series of educational classes on financial topics geared to the general public. An off shoot of their program is the Small Group Initiative that uses a group dynamic support system to encourage participants to set goals and remain committed to reaching their financial dreams. Sue Rogan and Donnova Greer tell Kai Jackson how the program identifies financial habits of participants and then tailors an individual plan to meet their objectives.

January 15: Its tax time and the Baltimore CASH Campaign wants lower income city residents to know that there is free help for those who make less than \$50,000. They discuss how their program saves the taxpayer money by providing a free service that is offered at 18 sites in the city as well as 2 in Baltimore County.

February 5: Kai Jackson talks with Neil Bergsman from the Maryland Budget & Tax Policy Institute, about Governor O'Malley's proposed \$36 billion budget. He discusses how the governor is using cuts, increasing revenue in targeted areas and transferring costs to local jurisdictions as a mean to address the \$1 billion budget shortfall projected for fiscal year 2013 that begins July 1, 2012. He discusses some of the more controversial proposals like transferring the cost of teacher pensions from the state budget to the city and county budgets and changing the tax exemptions for Maryland's richest citizens as a means to address the budget shortfalls.

February 19: Kai Jackson talks with Dr. Rev. Robert Borger from the Maryland Marriage Alliance about his opposition to Governor Martin O'Malley's proposed legislation allowing for gay marriage. With Rev. MacArthur Flournoy from Marylanders for Marriage Equality, Kai explores his position in favor of the legislation. Both guests say their views are based on religious beliefs.

March 4: Money Power Day is a free one-day comprehensive workshop and expo for all things financial from how to get your taxes prepared for free to how to avoid home foreclosures. Meghann Shutt from the Baltimore CASH Campaign and Sherrice Davis from M&T Bank tell Kai Jackson about the different financial workshops for adults as well as children's activities designed to educate and inform.

March 11: Kai Jacksons talks with F. Michael Higginbotham, interim dean of the University of Baltimore School of Law, about race and politics. He cites specific examples of how President Barack Obama has been treated differently than past presidents by members of Congress.

March 18: Kai Jackson talks with Linda Trotter and Warner Wesley about JHR – Jobs, Housing and Recovery Inc., an organization that provides the homeless with shelter, education and job training. JHR operates the city's largest homeless shelter that accepts anyone regardless of substance abuse and their other facilities, Carrington House and Lighthouse communities are restricted to sober/recovering adult males.

EDUCATION

Eyewitness News

January 4: In a bid to stay competitive with other universities, four of Maryland's historically black colleges are suing the state. The lawsuit links the segregated past to desperately needed funding today.

January 7: Sending a child to college can produce some eye popping figures. Now there are some colleges in Maryland being honored for being a good value.

January 10: Governor Martin O'Malley unveils a multi-million dollar plan to improve Maryland schools with new construction.

January 12: Maryland receives a coveted title in the education world for the fourth year in a row. Education Magazine ranks the state number one.

January 16: Six Maryland schools received the highest state honor today becoming Blue Ribbon Schools. In this WJZ Schoolwatch... what makes them worthy of the achievement.

January 19: Can a school building make students sick? That's what parents of dozens of children want to know at Edgewater Elementary school.

January 24: He lived with a drug addicted mother and today Baltimore musician Mario is helping city students with their struggles. In tonight's Schoolwatch, a new program that kicks off today.

January 25: Maryland's zero tolerance policy at schools may be doing more harm than good. Now some school leaders are calling for sweeping changes.

January 26: Sweeping changes are on the way for school lunches. For the first time in more than a decade, the federal government changes what students eat at school. Tonight, a look at the impact here in Baltimore.

January 28: Baltimore's Catholic schools are making a turnaround after years of declining enrollment. In tonight's School Watch, the announcement comes at a time when Catholic Schools begin a week of celebrations.

January 29: A generous offer from some Baltimore County parents is rejected by school leaders. They offered to pay for air conditioning at their children's school. In School Watch, one state lawmaker is backing the parents.

January 31: Trading in the old for the new. In this School Watch report, how high tech learning is transforming a city classroom.

February 4: One local school is using new technology to help their students tackle new subjects. Students are using the program to take them to new heights.

February 6: The Ravens just missed out on playing in the Super Bowl, but one Raven is there to receive a special honor. Matt Birk is named the NFL's Man of the Year. Tonight, we sit down with a group of students he's inspired through his literacy program.

February 7: Got a senior in high school??? Some Maryland colleges are making the list of America's best values.

February 8: For the fourth year in a row, Maryland high school seniors score highest in the nation in the difficult advanced placement program.

February 10: It's a free college education for dozens of Baltimore County school workers. For some it's a once in a lifetime opportunity in a sluggish economy.

February 14: Embarrassing... that's what the Mayor calls the conditions at many Baltimore schools. Now she wants to raise the city's bottle tax to start immediate repairs.

February 16: Days after Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake rolled out a plan to boost construction dollars to city schools, one grassroots group is backing the proposal. Members say the next step is to get private businesses in on the plan.

February 20: A celebrity chef from Maryland is lobbying lawmakers in support of a school breakfast program.

February 21: Maryland celebrity chef Bryan Voltaggio is fighting for a cause close to his heart. He spoke in front of Maryland lawmakers in hopes that all students have full stomachs.

February 22: Is there a racial divide in higher education in Maryland? The state's historically black colleges and universities say yes, claiming they're under funded by more than two billion dollars.

February 23: Using a cell phone during class is usually discouraged, but not in one Anne Arundel County high school. That's where three students have developed a new app that's getting worldwide attention.

February 24: A mysterious change in leadership for a Maryland university. The president of UMUC is abruptly removed and school officials won't say why.

February 27: A trip of a lifetime for more than 50 Baltimore area student heading to China next month. Before they go, they're getting a rare chance to find out exactly what it will be like.

February 28: Baltimore City appeals to the General Assembly for funding to build new schools. The mayor and school superintendent set out to convince a House committee that Baltimore is in worse shape than other school districts.

February 29: Maryland school leaders are on a quest to slash the soaring number of student suspensions. Possible changes are coming to the discipline code at schools across the state.

March 1: Mystery continues to shroud Maryland's largest public university. The president of UMUC is placed on administrative leave without any explanation to the faculty and the 90-thousand students who use the online university worldwide.

March 2: Dr. Seuss is at the center of a campaign to collect books and inspire more students to read. More in tonight's Schoolwatch report.

March 6: City Schools CEO Dr. Andres Alonso calls conditions at an elementary school in Northeast Baltimore unacceptable. Tonight, why the CEP is facing harsh criticism tonight.

March 7: Cutting down on campus crime. Frostburg State University rolls out a new violence initiative.

March 8: It was the ultimate career day for students at one city school in South Baltimore who got a chance to meet a former NASA astronaut. It's all part of a program designed to launch careers in science and technology.

March 9: Sometimes it takes a little help to cross the finish line in a race. That's exactly what some students at a Baltimore Baer School will get when they race this weekend and it isn't the first time students have teamed up with athletes to win.

March 13: Students from all over Maryland today put their chef skills to the test in downtown Baltimore. Tonight, more on millions at stake.

March 16: Another local Catholic school falls victim to falling enrollment. According to the Baltimore Archdiocese, Saint Ambrose in Park Heights will close at the end of the year.

March 19: Some people in Baltimore County are telling the school board, "Not in my backyard!" Hundreds showed up to protest plans to build a new elementary school at Mays Chapel Park.

March 20: A free arts education after school program for Baltimore City students has a classic twist. The Twigg Program helps segue children into the renowned Baltimore School for the Arts.

March 21: A new elementary school is coming to Baltimore County but not everyone is excited about it.

March 22: A new chapter in the mystery surrounding the president of University of Maryland University College... Dr. Susan Aldridge is now resigning.

March 23: Today a Harford County school is recognized as being one of the best in the state. Tonight, what it takes to be a Blue Ribbon School.

March 27: Local students get a chance to test out their CSI skills at the Baltimore School for the Arts. A mobile van is looking to lure students into the field of forensics.

March 28: Do you have what it takes to be a rocket scientist? Students at Johns Hopkins are finding out now that the university has started a unique program to bring more talent to the final frontier.

March 30: A tremendous gift and a terrific honor. A historic Baltimore catholic school names its community center after Camille and Bill Cosby.

ON TIME

January 1: Kai Jackson announces the 2012 Black History Oratory Contest that is open to high school students. In the contest, students select from one of three provided inspiration quotes from Arthur Ashe, Malcolm X and Nikki Giovanni, and write an essay. The deadline to enter is January 30.

January 22: Kai Jackson talks with Joshua Parker, the 2011-2012 Maryland Teacher of the Year and Dr. Darla Strouse about the qualifications of Maryland's teachers. Dr. Strouse discusses the reasons that Joshua Parker was selected for the state's top teaching honors and how a great teacher impact students many years after they graduate. New research documents how teachers can impact the earning potential of their students.

February 12: Kai Jackson talks with Dr. Joe Hairston, the superintendent of Baltimore County Public Schools about his 12 year tenure at the helm of the 3rd largest school system in the nation. He discusses the role of the principal in shaping the learning environment and how one elementary school improved math and reading scores to be named a national Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.

February 19: Joe Freed, principal of the new Baltimore Design School, the first of its kind in the region, returns to tell Kai Jackson how the school is making progress in educating 6 & 7th grade students focusing

on the graphic design, architecture and fashion design curriculum. He discusses their upcoming enrollment process for students who are entering the 8th grade in the fall of 2012.

March 18: One in seven Americans can't read and here in the city, over 600,000 are without a high school diploma. Sonia Socha and Jennifer Parrott tell Kai Jackson about the literacy – tutoring, adult basic education and computer literacy programs that help 1000 people a year at the South Baltimore Learning Center. Jennifer Parrott tells Kai Jackson that she dropped out in the 9th grade but is now committed to getting her diploma and being a role model for her twin sons.

March 25: Johns Hopkins University School of Education is honoring former Baltimore City School Superintendent Dr. Walter Amprey at a legacy reception. Dean David Andrews explains to Kai Jackson how this reception will help fund Hopkins visiting fellows program and their goal to bring innovative education reformers into discussion with students and faculty on how to address innovative research-proven means to teach core subjects like STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math) as well as ideas to recruit and retain super teachers.

COMMUNITY

Eyewitness News

January 1: Baltimore rings in the new year in a big way. Fireworks light up the sky as Charm City welcomed 2012 this morning.

January 3: The Baltimore Ravens are poised for the playoffs and purple pride is popping up all over Maryland.

January 4: The Ravens launch a new program to connect with some of the team's youngest fans through mailboxes at 50 area Giant stores.

January 5: If you're looking for something to do this winter weekend... how about a trip to the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore which has started its winter hours.

January 6: The leader of the Baltimore Archdiocese will soon hold one of the most powerful positions in the Catholic Church. Today, Pope Benedict named Archbishop Edwin O'Brien a cardinal.

January 6: If you love a good grilled cheese, and who doesn't, there's a place in Baltimore you have to try... actually now there are three of them. Four local guys have turned the ultimate comfort food into a booming business.

January 10: Pizza is back in Parkville. Located on Harford Road, Dominick's is back in business, months after a fire tore through the popular pizzeria.

January 11: A Maryland mom gets her wishes granted thanks to Towson Town Center... and an online contest is helping out the family.

January 11: After decades of struggle, a native American tribe in Maryland is no longer extinct. The Piscataway-Conoy tribe knew it was here all along... now the state finally agrees.

January 12: The city of Baltimore is once again getting ready to commemorate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Junior. We were there as the mayor announces the plans for the celebration.

January 12: If you enjoy a good meal and a good deal, you might want to head to Baltimore County where restaurant week starts today.

January 13: Ravens excitement is especially high on the purple Friday as fans rally together all over the area. Tonight we're live as the Ravens Caravan arrives.

January 14: Facing major money troubles, the US Post Office is forced to make tough decisions. 41 post offices in Maryland are slated to close... 10 in Baltimore. Now the fight is on to save one of them.

January 15: There's renewed hope tonight for population growth in Baltimore City by making streets safer for families. It's a new collaboration to reduce gun violence in city neighborhoods.

January 16: Maryland celebrates the life of Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King. We were along the parade route for today's festivities in Baltimore.

January 17: Those who like a rough ride on their mountain bikes, have some new support. It might help keep trails open in Loch Raven Reservoir.

January 18: A midnight dreary for those who seek the signs of the elusive Poe Toaster... the tradition may be over.

January 19: If you've seen Joe Flacco in recent weeks, you no doubt have noticed his fu Manchu. His facial hair has started a trend in Baltimore and the ladies are getting in on it too.

January 20: With the Ravens game this weekend, there are so many parties in the works... retailers say fans want everything from purple earrings to purple cupcakes.

January 21: Fans are preparing for a statewide party to root on the Ravens. Local bars and restaurants are working to make sure it all goes off without a hitch.

January 23: Two of Maryland's busiest highway rest stops could get a big make over. A new plan calls for 56 million dollars in renovations to the Maryland House and the Chesapeake House on I-95.

January 24: It's not unusual to see a fox in the suburbs... but it's a different story when one is spotted in the city. One fox is fraying some nerves in one of Baltimore's most popular neighborhoods.

January 25: The leader of Baltimore's Archdiocese is now weeks away from becoming a Cardinal. Today marks the first public appearance of Edwin O'Brien in Baltimore since the announcement from the Pope.

January 26: Giving back... just one blood donation can save three lives. Saturday WJZ is sponsoring a blood drive with the American Red Cross and a rather special Maryland man will be there to thank you.

January 27: A major makeover is coming to downtown Towson. County leaders unveiled these sketches today of the new entertainment center.

January 28: Every 2 seconds, someone in America will need a blood transfusion. A number of donors answered the call today at a blood drive in Timonium sponsored by WJZ.

January 29: Readers in Canton may have to look elsewhere for their books... at least for the time being. The Canton branch of the Enoch Pratt Free Library is temporarily closing its doors.

January 30: The Baltimore Grand Prix may be back on track. One of several groups vying to run the event in 2012 submits a detailed business plan to Baltimore officials.

January 31: In urban areas, open space sooner or later becomes developed. But in Baltimore County some of those little pockets of green may soon be put off limits.

February 1: For the first and only time this year, Ravens owner Steve Bisciotti is speaking out about the painful loss to the Patriots and his vision for the team going forward.

February 2: When Baltimore's Constellation Energy and Exelon Energy merge, the combined corporate headquarters will be in Chicago... but some of their operations will remain in Baltimore. But not everyone is happy where the building will be located.

February 2: A documentary spotlighting one of Baltimore's most active civil rights leaders gets a one-time showing today. But countless others may never have the chance to see it.

February 3: A North Baltimore grocery store is changing owners for the second time in just seven months. The Fresh & Green's Supermarket on 41st Street in Hampden is being acquired by Giant Food.

February 4: Every 2 seconds, someone in America will need a blood transfusion. A number of donors answered the call today at a blood drive in Timonium sponsored by WJZ.

February 5: Another supermarket shake up in the Baltimore area. Giant is taking over two stores that just changed names less than a year ago.

February 6: How many times have you eaten at a Baltimore area restaurant and after your meal you've had a lot to say? Now it's your chance to be a critic with a popular restaurant survey now underway.

February 7: McCormick's is returning to downtown Baltimore. The spice company is opening McCormick's World of Flavors in the Light Street Pavilion at Harborplace.

February 9: A Baltimore County paramedic is being hailed as a trailblazer. No other African American woman has reached her rank in the county.

February 10: More car companies are building vehicles with features to cut down on distracted driving and that technology is on full display at the Motor Trend Auto Show in Baltimore.

February 10: In celebration of Black History Month, the YMCA of Central Maryland is honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Junior's legacy with its annual tribute to the civil rights leader.

February 11: Details of a new deal for the Baltimore Grand Prix are expected to be announced in the next few days.

February 12: A heartfelt celebration for many families today at Saint Joe's Medical Center. The hospital held an early Valentine's Day Sweetheart baby reunion.

February 13: It's a Baltimore tradition that started nearly a century ago and it's all for Valentine's Day. Thousands of people are descending on a small house on Wilkens Avenue to impress the one they love.

February 14: Baltimore is in need of new police officers. A growing city and greater scrutiny of law enforcement has made entry into the department selective and demanding.

February 15: The Baltimore Grand Prix is poised to race again. The city has a new contract with an Indianapolis company and a pair of Baltimore investors.

February 16: Baltimore is bringing back the Grand Prix... and although it's still months away race cars are already taking over the streets.

February 16: Baltimore's own Archbishop Edwin O'Brien will be elevated to Cardinal this weekend. Tonight a look at how the Archbishop is preparing for the holy honor.

February 17: There's something for everyone at this year's Preakness as more bands sign on to perform at the Infield this year.

February 18: Baltimore's Archbishop Edwin O'Brien is now Cardinal O'Brien. More than 100 parishioners traveled to Rome for the elevation ceremony.

February 19: Some of our area's brightest students come out for the WJZ Black History Oratory Contest.

February 20: Some of our area's brightest students are all smiles today after participating in the WJZ Black History Oratory Contest.

February 21: It's Fat Tuesday and that means a little bit of Mardi Gras is making its way to Charm City.

February 22: Despite protests from city leaders nationwide, a controversial immigration enforcement program comes to Baltimore but the mayor is speaking out against it.

February 23: Six months ago today, the earth moved under our feet as the state was rattled by the biggest earthquake in memory. Now a major Baltimore landmark left damaged and condemned has reopened.

February 24: A Baltimore landmark is celebrating a big birthday this weekend. The B&O Railroad is turning 185 years old and a big celebration is on tap.

February 25: This week the final structural beam was set into place at the new slots casino being built at Arundel Mills. Now a new destination restaurant is announced, bringing with it more traffic.

February 28: It's a dangerous and illegal Baltimore tradition... dirt bikes on city streets. Their numbers have been rising along with recent warmer temperatures.

February 29: CBS Radio station MIX 106-5 is once again helping raise money for children at Johns Hopkins Hospital with its annual radiothon.

March 1: It's been a Baltimore staple for years and now as the Center Club turns 50, more on how it's managed to maintain its success.

March 2: Hospital guests, staff and doctors will see something beautiful when they eat at Bon Secours Hospital dining room as a new mural is unveiled.

March 3: A popular smart phone app places Baltimore on a short list of cities with the best destinations. It all started with a friendly competition.

March 4: After a trip to Rome for an elevation ceremony, Edwin O'Brien is back in Baltimore celebrating his first mass as Cardinal.

March 4: If you're looking for a few things to help spruce up your house this spring, you're in luck. The Maryland Home and Garden Show is back.

March 5: Horse racing is a game of odds and one Maryland horse has beaten those odds big time. "Rapid Redux" has broken the modern US record by winning every single race for more than a year.

March 5: Starting today you can buy two commemorative coins honoring the bicentennial observance of the War of 1812. Proceeds will help fund a big celebration that will bring hundreds of thousands of people to Charm City.

March 6: At war with Baltimore's City Hall. Some residents are angry about thousands of dollars in sidewalk repair citations... but the biggest offender is actually the city.

March 7: A celebrity from Baltimore is going head to head with City Hall about the Greatest Show on Earth. Actress Jada Pinkett Smith sent a letter to the mayor about the circus.

March 8: A small Maryland community moves into the international spotlight. In less than three months, the G-8 Economic Summit will get underway at Camp David in Frederick County and officials there are gearing up for the limelight.

March 8: Animal lovers may be in for a treat at the Catoclin Zoo in Thurmont. The zoo is planning to expand with an educational center and possibly a dinosaur exhibit.

March 9: They're the newest additions to the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore and they're as cute as they can be. Here's your first look at Jack and Nutmeg and their many friends.

March 9: A high profile war of words between Baltimore's Mayor and Baltimore native actress Jada Pinkett Smith. It all started when Smith sent a letter asking for the circus elephants coming to Baltimore be taken care of.

March 10: Helping feed the hungry... one bag at a time. Maryland's 26th Annual Harvest for the Hungry Drive ended today with a big collection.

March 11: Massive closures are on the way for post offices in Baltimore and nationwide. Tonight, how protesters here are fighting back.

March 12: The Girl Scouts are celebrating their 100th birthday today and Baltimore is part of the big celebration.

March 12: March Madness on Loyola University's campus. The men's basketball team is gearing up for its first trip to the NCAA tournament in almost two decades and excitement is building on campus.

March 13: They're some of the most ferocious athletes in the country, but in Baltimore tonight we see the softer side of some NFL stars at the Ed Block Courage Awards.

March 14: Mayor Stephanie Rawlings Blake is calling on the business community to empower city youth, one student at a time. It's the kick off of the "Higher One" campaign.

March 15: From Baltimore City to Harford County, hundreds of candles will light tomorrow night in honor of the lives cut short by murder. The families of murder victims are hosting simultaneous candlelight vigils.

March 15: If most people like the underdog, students at Loyola love them. Their team is headed to the Big Dance and the last time they had this chance was 18 years ago.

March 16: Tracking bad air by Zip codes has produced some worrisome numbers in Maryland. Some of the most polluted air in the nation is in Curtis Bay and Brooklyn.

March 17: A Saint Patrick's Day parade rolls through the streets of Dundalk.

March 18: If you're purchasing a hunting or fishing license in Maryland, the Department of Natural Resources is making it a little easier for you with a self-service website.

March 18: A Maryland bishop celebrates 50 years of service. Dozens of parishioners packed into Bethel AME Church today in Owings Mills.

March 19: A Maryland soldier murder in Afghanistan is laid to rest. Family, friends and even strangers came to the church in Lutherville to remember Major Robert Marchanti.

March 20: 11 years and over two million dollars raised for the fight against breast cancer. Those are the impressive numbers for Dick Gelfman's Ride Across Maryland that's just around the corner.

March 20: For half a million Maryland Catholics, a transition of power is underway. A new archbishop is appointed for the Baltimore diocese.

March 22: Ocean City officials are sweetening up summer deals offering free events for the public every night of the week.

March 25: Fighting childhood cancer, one buzz at a time. More than 200 people shaved their heads today at the 4th Annual Baltimore Heroes St. Baldrick's event.

March 26: It's one of the most beautiful ballparks in the country. This year, Oriole Park at Camden Yards turns 20 years old and big changes are underway to make the stadium even more fan friendly.

March 27: With summer just a few months away, Baltimore City's neighborhood pools are once again in jeopardy. Under the mayor's new budget, the city stands to lose seven of them.

March 28: Budget crunch... Baltimore's mayor wants to close more than half a dozen swimming pools but the controversial plan is upsetting city parents.

March 30: A sign that spring is here... the first day of racing at Pimlico Race Track.

ON TIME

January 8: Kai Jackson talks with Charles Harris about his new fitness book aimed at African American women. Professional business women are reluctant to exercise and cite the reason that they do not want to destroy their hairstyles or manicured fingernails. Fitness expert Charles Harris explains how women can preserve their looks while toning up their bodies.

January 15: The 6th Branch, a local veteran's organization is using its military-like training to organize a multi-phased clean up of the Oliver neighborhood. PR director Jeremy Johnson tells Kai Jackson why this group of veterans wants to say involved with helping the community and making a difference in the lives of the residents who live in this depressed area.

January 22: Dr. Carla Hayden tells Kai Jackson about the Pratt Library's Black History Month activities including the Annual Booklovers' Breakfast featuring noted professor and author Michael Eric Dyson. She discusses how the library holds on-going panel discussions on a variety of topics from medical ethics to race relations and features talks by current authors on book tours. At the end of January, the Pratt Contemporaries, a group of young professionals, is hosting their annual Black and White Party at the Central Library. This ticketed event raises funds for many of the Pratt programs.

January 29: The Baltimore City Branch of the NAACP has begun a comprehensive voter registration drive in anticipation of the interest generated by the upcoming Maryland presidential primary election being held on April 3. Tessa Hill-Aston, the new city branch president and Rev. Medgar Reid tell Gigi Barnett how the civil rights organization is recruiting voters through church and school drives. They explain that this is a 4-phase campaign that also includes voter education, candidate debates and Election Day poll monitoring.

February 12: The Center for Remarkable Women offers women a chance to do a make-over from the inside out. Founder Rev. Valerie Pearman tells Kai Jackson about the program that helps to improve the self-esteem of women while building their confidence. Mary Pittman discusses how she was able to address issues that were holding her back from enjoying a purpose-driven life. They discuss the upcoming program that offers health screenings and discussions on issues affecting women

March 11: Itineris is a new program to help young adults with autism transition from school to the working world by providing customized job training programs to prepare them for independent living. Ami Taubenfeld and Caroline Hubbard tell Kai Jackson about this new program that is the only one of its kind

to offer specific programs for autistic adults. Ami Taubenfeld discusses her 21 year old daughter and the struggles she faced with finding a diagnosis prior to information that is available on the internet.

ART & CULTURE

Eyewitness News

January 5: It looks like 2012 could be a banner year for Maryland's film industry. Netflix is going to film a new series in Baltimore.

January 16: At only 16 years old, a local Baltimore student is practically becoming a regular on the hit CBS series The Good Wife.

January 19: Madonna... Beyonce... Elton John and Lady Gaga... those are just some of the clients wearing fashions by an up and coming local designer. He's a Baltimore boy taking the eyewear world by storm.

January 25: The more music, the better. The BSO is expanding its city youth Orch-Kids program to the Highlandtown Elementary and Middle School.

February 1: Your child's artwork could soon be displayed among the masterpieces at the Walter's Art Museum. It's the Google Doodle contest and you can enter.

February 7: Mark Cottman was born and raised here in Baltimore. He's a self taught artist who gave up his career to pursue his passion. As we celebrate Black History Month, we have more on this talented Baltimorean who's living his dream.

February 9: A surprise serenade. Thanks to the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and a loving husband, one lucky woman gets a private concert.

February 23: A talented musician and composer is bringing his gifts to the Hippodrome Theater. In honor of Black History Month, Darin Atwater present a musical monument to African American life.

February 25: Black History Month celebrations continue today with a special open house at the Lewis Museum downtown.

February 27: He went to Mount Hebron High School in Howard County and now he's playing in the NFL. Today Aaron Maybin returns to Baltimore to promote arts education for students in low income areas.

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March 21: Controversy surrounding the circus. Ringling Brothers is in Baltimore starting tonight but folks heading to the show will be met by protesters.

March 22: There's a new twist to one of Baltimore's most popular summertime events. Viewers will now help choose the movies for this year's Little Italy Film Festival.

March 23: It's a great day to enjoy some ice cream... not just for you, but for your dog. Tonight, more on Maryland's first ice cream truck for our four legged friends.

March 24: Maryland actors try to wow directors at a major casting call. Today an open call was held at Stevenson University for the Netflix series House of Cards.

March 25: Hundreds come out to celebrate Greece's independence. Dressed in traditional Greek attire, people marched through downtown Baltimore to honor Greece.

March 26: Opening Day is just eleven days away and Baltimore will be marking the 20th anniversary of Camden Yards. One of the city's best known symbols will play a big part in the celebration as a new Mr. Natty Boh is ready to swing for the fences.

March 29: It's an opera that turned a Baltimore singer into a star. Now Porgy and Bess is returning home making its debut at Morgan State University.

March 30: The last time a piece of public art in Baltimore generated this much controversy was when the man-woman sculpture was unveiled in front of Penn Station. Now, Charles Village is talking about the newest piece to turn up in the middle of their quiet neighborhood.

ON TIME

January 1: Centerstage's artistic director, Kwame Kwei-Armah tells Kai Jackson about their upcoming production, Gleam, based on the Zora Neale Hurston novel, Their Eyes Were Watching God. In this theatrical adaptation the main character is a woman who marries three times before finding true love and her true self.

January 8: Gwynn Oak Amusement Park was integrated on the same day as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech in Washington DC in 1963. Local author Amy Nathan tells the story of grassroots de-segregation efforts that opened up the rides at this amusement park as an example of different civil rights organizations working together for one common goal. She explains how the Gwynn Oak story represents the many victories in the nationwide civil rights struggle for equality.

January 15: Hadassah begun in Baltimore 100 years ago funds stem cell research. Laurie Weitz, the president of the local city chapter, tells Kai Jackson about the organization's mission in Israel and here at home to address health issues. She discusses why her organization supports stem cell research.

January 29: Gigi Barnett talks with BSO Music Director Marin Alsop about the new WOW – Women of the World Festival that makes its American debut at the Meyerhoff Symphony Hall. This three day event is for and about women and features panel discussions, keynote speakers, entertainment, speed mentoring, and a female owned marketplace. Alsop explains how she convinced the London based organization to bring the event to Baltimore.

January 29: Privacy and secrecy in today's surveillance-driven society are the themes of a new exhibition by graduate students in MICA's Exhibition Seminar. Professor Jeffrey Cudlin and Tahira Christian, a student at the Maryland Institute College of Art talk about the different artists and works selected for the exhibition, "Under Cover."

February 5: For 38 years he's been a father figure on Sesame Street, now he can be seen as the father in Theatre Morgan's production of playwright August Wilson's Jitney. Roscoe Orman who portrayed Gordon on the beloved children's TV show, is trying a new role in August Wilson's first play, Jitney, a story about drivers of a sedan service for African Americans during he 1940's. He and director Shirley Basfield Dunlap

talk about the unique role of having a seasoned actor work alongside Morgan State's drama students in the new production.

February 5: In "Dandy Lion: Articulating a Re(de)defined Black Masculine Identity" 20 photographers and filmmakers showcase young African American males in alternative images to the stereotypic "thug" look that dominates society's image of urban males. Dr. Michelle Wilkinson and curator Shantrelle Lewis explain how the Dandy Lion got his name and how males are choosing to stylize themselves based on the classic Beau Brummell look of Victorian times updated with a hip hot uniqueness of today's fashions.

February 26: To commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War and Emancipation, the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association have provided funding on these topics to various libraries across the county. Dr. James Karmel, a history professor at Harford Community College, tells Kai Jackson about the book and lecture series planned in Harford County featuring local historians and authors.

February 26: There's a bug infestation at the Maryland Science Center and it's a good thing. Harry's Big Adventure: A Bugs Life is the new exhibit that offers the good, bad and ugly on insects. Van Reiner explains to Kai Jackson how insects are necessary in nature.

March 18: The African Film Traveling Series returns to the Baltimore Museum of Art. Anne Mannix, the director of communications, tells Kai Jackson about the 2-day festival featuring short format and feature films from African Directors. She discusses the film topics that cover social, political and universal issues like homelessness.